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Wellesley College News

PRESIDENT PENDLETON RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

Elected to Jury of Award For American Peace Plan

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The Jury of Award for Edward W. Bok's prize of \$100,000 for the best plan "whereby the United States can take its place and do its share toward preserving world peace, while not making compulsory the participation of the United States in European wars, if any such are, in the future, found unpreventable" has been announced. President Pendleton was accorded the honor of being the only woman elected to the jury, which consists of seven people "generally recognized to be eminently fitted by capacity and experience to deal with the exceedingly difficult and complex subject of our international relations" and who have "distinctive abilities and experiences."

Other Members of Jury

The other members of the Jury of Award are Colonel Edward M. House of Texas who was Ex-President Wilson's representative to European governments in 1914-16, to the Interallied Conference in Paris in 1917 and to the Supreme War Council at Versailles, General James Guthrie Harbord of Illinois who was Chief of Staff of the A. E. F. in France in 1917-19, and Deputy Chief of Staff of the U. S. A. in 1921, Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard Law School, Elihu Root of New York whose prominence in discussions of international law and diplomatic missions has made him an authority on international questions, William Allen White of Kansas, author and editor, who was a delegate to the Russian Conference at Prinkipo in 1919, and Brand Whitlock of Ohio, former Ambassador to Belgium.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND NOW TOTALS OVER FOUR MILLIONS

The work toward the completion of the fund of nine millions for the college, when it celebrates its Semi-Centennial in 1925, is going forward steadily, under the direction of a committee of trustees and alumnae. To date \$4,230,000 has been given or pledged, which leaves approximately \$4,950,000 still to be raised. This latter sum is to be used largely for new buildings and primarily for the replacement of the temporary wooden buildings of the campus, which were erected after the fire in 1914. Headquarters for the Fund are in Room 28-A of the present Administration Building.

With the beginning of a new year when the incoming students are receiving their first glimpse of Wellesley and the old students are again being welcomed, the Committee feel a renewed stimulus and interest in the accomplishment of their task.

GREETING TO THE CLASS OF 1927

The King is dead. Long live the King! This salute used to seem a paradox, but to an eye that has kept watch on the passing of college generations it hardly equals the rapidity with which class follows class. 1926 is not used to feeling their sophomore pinfeathers pricking through when 1927 is peering at them out of the shell, more than ready to take their honored position in college ranks.

We greet every class with renewed enthusiasm. We say this is going to be the best class we have ever known. The secondary schools are gaining every year in concentration and power, and their graduates are coming to college with more of the qualities that will make for the womanhood of which America is proud: more consideration for friends and for the community in which they live; more fearless independence of judgment in questions of justice, more poise in life's daily encounters, a flawless integrity of scholarship. These are our expectations in greeting the new class of freshmen, and it is because we believe that the class of 1927 comes to us bearing aloft their banner for noble living that we welcome them to our good fellowship and to our company of high endeavor.

ALICE V. WAITE,
Dean of the College.

In the complications of prosaic details demanding attention, it is sometimes a little difficult for office-folk to make plain to old girls and to new that they are really glad to see the Wellesley family gather. We beg you to believe that our sometimes curt greetings and rather ungracious questions only mean that we are trying our best to get ready for your coming. We all in our hearts bid you welcome, even if we can't stop just now to say so, and we sympathize with the night watchman in his feeling that Wellesley is "an awful lonesome place until the girls come."

Our greetings to you all—especially to 1927—and the best of wishes for this new year to 1927.

EDITH S. TUFTS,
Dean of Residence.

To each and every one, Christian Association extends the heartiest of welcomes. A year brim full of possibilities is awaiting us all, and to 1927 we turn for an abundant supply of the interest and enthusiasm stored there. We have many activities on campus and off, which could not be carried on without the unselfish coöperation of students of all classes, but aside from these, Christian Association in Wellesley College stands for that deep feeling of fellowship to which each member pledges herself. Into this friendship all are invited, all are welcome.

HILDA CROSBY,
Vice-President of Christian Association.

Welcome, 1927, to the village and into the fellowship of the College Government Association. You are entering a new life of freedom with social and academic pleasures; but this freedom brings with it a social responsibility toward your college and your friends. Take advantage of this opportunity for coöperation and inspiration. We look to you, '27, for enthusiasm and support. Help us to make this year the best ever!

JO ATKINSON,
Vice-President of the College Government Association.

C. A. PROGRAM INCLUDES SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR '27

Entertain Freshmen at Tea, Vaudeville and Annual Festivities

RECEPTION ON GUEST HOUSE LAWN

"So this is Wellesley!" To incoming freshmen the Wellesley station in itself would have afforded a chill welcome had it not been for members of the C. A. Board whose activities began as usual on the station platform. Tagged with "Ask-Me" badges, they met every train, ready to check baggage, call taxis, and dispense general information. Even the arrival of one freshman with seven bags and suitcases, and of another with checks for five trunks did not disrupt their organization.

Once assured that all the freshmen had arrived, the C. A. Board turned its attention to the social program planned for this week. A "Get-Acquainted" tea was held at Washington House, Tuesday afternoon, under the direction of the chairman of the Social Committee, Marion Wilson, '25, and the vaudeville given Thursday night in Billings Hall was also in charge of the Board.

Reception Comes Saturday

Last on the social program is the C. A. reception to be held Saturday afternoon on the Guest House lawn. This marks the formal introduction of 1927 to the college in general. In addition to the customary signing and exchange of programs, refreshments will be served. President Pendleton, Dean Tufts, Dean Waite, and others will form the receiving line, and student heads of the various organizations are to speak.

TWO NEW "GET ACQUAINTED" PLANS ARE NOW UNDER WAY

"Hello Week" is an innovation in Wellesley which is expected to be very popular on the campus. The Christian Association has designated the first week of classes to be one in which everyone in college speaks to everyone else. This friendly greeting has been required at the University of Maine, Rensselaer, and many other colleges and has been very successful in promoting a united spirit.

To further friendships between the classes, C. A. has a plan for "Stay-at-Home" Sundays. According to this plan 1927 will stay at home the afternoon of Sunday, September 30; and receive calls from the upperclassmen. The following Sunday, the freshmen will call on their friends on campus.

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Those who have already subscribed to the NEWS at the El Table will be glad to learn that this issue is only one-half the usual size; that the regular NEWS boasts all sorts of departments not even sampled here. This is just an extra intended as a substantial welcome, 1927.

DISCRIMINATION

"Why did you come?" No one ever asks that question of a freshman because it is assumed that everyone in Wellesley came for the same reason. Yet if someone actually put the question to a group of girls, no two replies would be alike.

No freshman should be expected to have a definite plan for her four years' activities when she arrives. She comes at first to absorb, to take what the college has to give. She is confronted by new surroundings, new people, new activities, and to that extent she seems passive rather than active and dynamic. But from the very first day there is one good opportunity to be active—that of choosing which of the many possibilities

must be her interest. At college a girl cannot do everything well, as she can at high school, because time is short and there are many workers in every field. She may be equally absorbed in the three standard motives, "academic," friends, and "non-academic." "Academic" is the reason for the college and therefore should be the main interest of a student. Friendships usually take care of themselves—and so we have left organizations.

It is here that the matter of choice is all-important. Freshmen as a rule go out for everything, subscribe to everything, show an interest in everything. And when they are juniors they regret that they did not specialize on what they could do best or what most interested them. Discrimination in addition to that precious enthusiasm which so many new girls bring with them, makes work in C. A., Barnswallows, and all of the organizations actually worth the time spent. There is nothing that repays a girl, increases her self-respect and develops the best in her character more than consistent work in some line which really interests her. And if she discriminates, neither her regular work nor her friendships will suffer.

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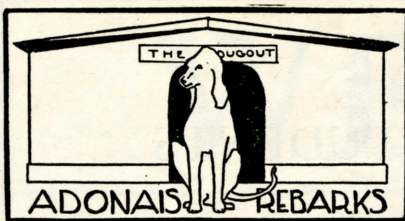
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"But how can you remember all that?" I gasped.

"Perfectly easy, my dear. It was the training course which the Wellesley College News prints. You missed a great opportunity by not taking it."

It is a tribute like the above which shows the value of the News college course for freshmen. Just to show the worth of the lessons we will print

LESSON NO 1

a. How to remember your name.

It is often extremely hard for a freshman to remember, in the first excitement of the New Life, just exactly who she is. For this reason we suggest that each of you print her name on a little piece of paper and pin it to her frock. This helps you remember who you are at teas, receptions, etc., for you can glance at it frequently and pretty soon the name will be very, very familiar. Even upper-classmen do this. Odd ones do too.

There are times however when this method is not practicable. You may be in Boston or you may lose the label. In this case go to the El Table and look through a Portrait Directory, scanning the pictures until you find a face that looks familiar. It is probably you. But above all be impartial in your judgment. Don't stop at the prettiest pictures but take the one you recognize, no matter what it looks like. You can use a mirror to verify the choice. The point of the experiment is, of course, to memorize the number of the page on which the picture is, so that it will be easier to find the next time.

b. How to find your house and telephone number.

After you once know your name the rest is easy. Just call up Miss Nye's office and ask where you live. We suggest, however, that you disguise your voice, so she won't know who you are.

c. How to recognize your roommate.

There is often an estrangement between those who should be the dearest friends, just because they don't recognize each other by sight. That is not the right kind of relationship between roommates, for a speaking acquaintance at least should be maintained. You should study the pictures of your roommate's father and mother, and if possible of her maternal grandmother. Thus you should familiarize yourself with the family likeness. For instance if her father wears tortoise shell glasses, all you have to do is hail the first girl with the same ocular decorations and say blithely, "A letter just came for you. I put it on your desk."

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Mrs. Charlotte Hassett, who was formerly head of Clinton House, is to be in charge. The new dormitory will house thirty-five students, most of them in single rooms. Among its special features are the unusually spacious closets, and a front porch equipped with wicker chairs which has been added to the building this summer.

The auditorium in the Student-Alumnae Building is to be used as a theatre this year in the Barn's stead. As this building is not yet ready for use, the Christian Association Vaudeville is to be held in Billings Hall.

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Barnswallows opened the program with a procession of their band, picked more for beauty than for musical ability. The dumb-bell chorus, led by Emelyn Waltz, '24, and a chorus and string orchestra provided by C. A. added to the music of the evening.

In the village senior stunt, and the hygiene girls' representation of Mary Hemenway, the freshmen saw themselves as others see them.

Barney Google and Spark Plug proved to be familiar friends of 1927, and were greeted with enthusiasm.

Harriet Charles, '24, in pink rompers, danced a delightful imitation of Frances White, while Virginia Downing and Isabel Chapman, '25, sang Mammy songs with realistic pantomime.

Adonais, the news hound, also barked his informal welcome to Wellesley's newest class, and helped to prove that the lot of an upperclassmen is not all spectacles and dignity.

COLLEGE NOTES

On Monday, September 17, the new class of 1927 arrived and began the annual inspection of room-mate and campus.

Miss Tufts entertained the house mothers, village seniors, and Christian Association board at Sunday evening supper in Tower Court.

A Get-Acquainted Tea for the Freshmen and village seniors was given by the Christian Association. Tuesday afternoon at Washington House. Opening with a grand march, an informal dance and refreshments followed. Each girl was tagged with her name and number, and the numbers were mixed, so that all could become acquainted. In the receiving line were Miss Snyder, Jean Lyon, Josephine Atkinson, and Hilda Crosby.

The village seniors held a shore-party Saturday night at Nahant.

The Christian Association board spent the week end at Marblehead on a shore-party.

Fiske, Homestead, and the recently elevated and redecorated Barn will be sophomore houses this year.

The first house meetings were held in each freshman house by the respective village seniors Monday evening.

All hopes to the contrary, it is now reported that the Student-Alumnae Building cannot be finished for several weeks, owing to the difficulty in securing plasterers.

Austin House, formerly the home of Mr. Austin, Superintendent of the College, has also been turned into a Sophomore dormitory.

CLASS OF '27 SMALLER THAN '26

Since the small membership of last years' senior class makes it necessary to admit a smaller number of students than usual, the class of '27 is not as large as that of '26. Although the exact number will not be known until after examinations are over on Thursday, it is expected that there will be about four hundred girls in this year's freshman class as compared with four hundred and twenty-three last year.

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 22

8.15 A. M. First Chapel Service.
3.00 P. M. C. A. Reception, Guest House Lawn.

Sunday, September 23

11.00 A. M. Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon, "God is Love," by the Rev. Mr. McIllyar Lichliter.
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